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BELGRADE - FOR USDEL CSCE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, SCUL, CSCE, UR, US (TOTH, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: ACTING SECRETARY'S CALL TO DOBRYNIN ABOUT TOTH
CASE

REF: MOSCOW 8515

1. IN JUNE 14 TELEPHONE CALL TO AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, ACTING
SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER EXPRESSED SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT TOTH
CASE AND URGED THAT SOVIETS DISCONTINUE CASE AND PERMIT HIM
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TO DEPART. DOBRYNIN REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO INFORMATION
BEYOND TEXT OF SOVIET PROTEST TO EMBASSY MOSCOW. HE SAID
HE HAD ALREADY REPORTED TO MOSCOW POSSIBLE US REACTION TO
TOTH CASE, AND WOULD REPORT ACTING SECRETARY'S EXPRESSION OF
CONCERN.

2. DURING CONVERSATION ACTING SECRETARY EXPRESSED CONCERN

FOR BOTH TOTH PERSONALLY AND SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. HE NOTED THAT CASE APPEARS TO US AS ESCALATION OF SOVIET CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AND CORRESPONDENTS IN MOSCOW, AND CASE MAY UNLEASH A WAVE OF INDIGNATION AMONG AMERICAN PRESS, CONGRESS AND PEOPLE, LEADING TO REPERCUSSIONS BEYOND THOSE WHICH SOVIET GOVERNMENT MAY ANTICIPATE. ACTING SECRETARY ALSO NOTED THAT CIRCUMSTANCES OF TOTH'S JUNE 11 DETENTION SEEM "SUSPICIOUS" TO US.

3. IN CLOSING, ACTING SECRETARY ALSO URGED PROMPT ISSUANCE OF VISA TO TOTH'S SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT, DAN FISHER.

4. IF IN LIGHT JUNE 15 DEVELOPMENTS EMBASSY CONSIDERS IT ADVISABLE, IT MAY WISH TO RAISE TOTH CASE ALONG LINES ABOVE WITH MFA AT LEVEL CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

5. WE ARE INFORMING PRESS THAT ACTING SECRETARY CALLED DOBRYNIN TO EXPRESS USG'S SERIOUS CONCERN ABOUT TOTH CASE. YOU MAY CONTINUE TO INFORM MOSCOW PRESS CORPS OF ANY EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS ON TOTH'S BEHALF. CHRISTOPHER

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